



**AFRICAN AMERICAN RESOURCE ADVISORY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2015**

COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:

Daryl Horton, Chair
Sherry Cherry, Vice Chair
Dr. Chiquita Eugene

Clifford Gillard
Nelson Linder
Greg Smith

CALL TO ORDER—5:30 P.M.

The meeting was called to order at 5:35pm by Commissioner Horton.

1. CITIZEN COMMUNICATION

There were no speakers.

2. Community Nominations of Individuals to be considered for inclusion in the Art in Public Places Project at the African American Cultural and Heritage Facility

There were no nominations.

THERE MAY BE DISCUSSION ON ANY OR ALL OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS:

3. Approval of the minutes from the January 7, 2015 and February 4, 2015 Regular Meetings

The February 4, 2015 minutes stand as presented. The January 7, 2015 minutes will be revised and reposted.

4. Briefing and Discussion: New rules and safety precautions that will be in place for the 2015 South by Southwest Festival (William Manno, Corporate Special Events Program Manager, Office of Special Events)

Mr. William Manno briefed the Commissioners.

5. Briefing: Proposed Parental Education Program for at-risk Austin-Area innercity youth focusing on educating parents on navigating the school system and gaining a working knowledge of the Texas Compulsory Attendance Laws (Stephanie Touchstone)

Ms. Stephanie Touchstone briefed the Commissioners.

6. Action: Recommendation on Proposed Parental Education Program for at-risk Austin-Area innercity youth focusing on educating parents on navigating the school system and gaining a working knowledge of the Texas Compulsory Attendance Laws (Stephanie Touchstone)

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Eugene with the following amendments: include the amount of the recommendation, attach budget document to recommendation, change the name to Parental Education Empowerment Program, and require Chair to sign the recommendation. Vote 6-0-1 with Commissioner Cook absent.

7. Action: Recommendation on approval of Walter E. Long Metropolitan Park Golf Course proposal from Decker Lake Golf, LLC.

A motion to approve the recommendation was made by Commissioner Smith; seconded by Commissioner Eugene with the following amendment: Chair must sign recommendation. Vote 6-0-1 with Commissioner Cook absent.

8. Discussion: Changes to Ordinance 20141211-204 which deals with City Boards and Commissions

Commissioner Cherry made suggestions on makeup of Commission.

9. Updates from Working Groups

a. Small Business/Parking Issues on E. 11th & E. 12th Streets

There was no report.

b. Photograph Selection for Mural

There was no report.

c. Health and Mental Health

There was no report.

d. Public Safety

There was no report.

e. Expansion of Carver

The Working Group met with Carver staff to go over the proposal.

10. Set agenda items for future meetings, including non-substantive housekeeping matters (such as meeting dates, potential topics, and information and research requests for staff)

Carver presentation on Juneteenth Statues, Scorecard Update, youth group

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05pm.